

FISCAL NOTE

HB 349 - SB 792

March 16, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires truck tractors and semi-trailers to travel in the right-most lane, except when passing, on interstate or multilane divided highways.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Revenues – \$237,500

**Increase State Expenditures – Exceeds \$30,000 Recurring/Highway Fund
Exceeds \$1,000,000 One-Time/Highway Fund
\$20,000 One-Time**


Increase Local Govt. Revenues – \$12,500

Assumptions:

- A one-time increase in state expenditures to the Highway Fund to manufacture and install signs advising drivers of the correct lane in which to drive.
- A recurring increase in state expenditures to the Highway Fund to annually replace 3%-5% of the signs due to damage and vandalism.
- A one-time increase in state expenditures to the Department of Safety for computer system changes.
- Approximately 5,000 annual violations with a fine of \$50 each.
- The State will receive fines and the clerks will receive commission on such fines in accordance with TCA 55-10-303.
- For informational purposes, it should be noted that Department of Transportation will begin to restrict the travel of truck tractors and semi-trailers in certain counties to the *right two lanes*. The counties covered by such rule will be Davidson, Hamilton, Jefferson, Knox, Rutherford, Sevier, Shelby, Williamson and Wilson. The bids for signs informing drivers of such restrictions were let in February. Since this bill has state-wide impact and the lane restrictions differ from the rules of the Department of Safety, there is a fiscal impact.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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